

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The container for an immunoassay according to claim 12, wherein the contact angle between the inner surface of the container and water is 1° or less.

7.-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A container for an immunoassay, wherein at least an inner surface, which is to contact a specimen for immunoassay, of the container is formed from or coated with an ultra-hydrophilic polymer that is insoluble in water, wherein the ultra-hydrophilic polymer is a copolymer containing a (2-methacryloyloxyethylphosphorylcholine) polymer subunit; and

wherein the saturation adsorption amount of protein, on the inner surface of the container, of molecules used for the assay is 1×10^{-3} pmol/cm² or less.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-5 and 8-11 were previously canceled.

Claim 7 is canceled herein.

Claim 12 has been amended.

The amendment of Claim 12 is supported by the corresponding claim as previously presented and the original specification (for example, at page 8, lines 24-26). This amendment serves to remove the erroneous placement of the term "of molecules."

No new matter has been entered by the present amendment.